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CITY PROVIDES BIRD HOUSES

Inducement for Feathered Songsters
to Make a Season's Home in
Cleveland.

The city of Cleveland proposes to encourage friendliness toward birds, and no one will believe it misdirected effort. There is growing appreciation everywhere of the desirability, economic and sentimental, of bringing back our native song birds in as large numbers as possible.

East Technical high school is making for the city forestry department 300 model bird houses, which will be placed in various parks. Some of them already have been delivered. It is a fine piece of co-operation between two branches of municipal activity.

Forester Boddy has prepared a list of fruit-bearing trees, shrubs and vines that furnish food for birds, which will be a help for those who wish to put out bird houses about their own premises. The time is at hand when the native birds return from the warmer climate, and will be seeking nesting spots.

It is all an excellent bit of city government usefulness of which the public will approve. It should result in a widespread revival of interest in the whole subject of bird conservation. It may be considered to represent the same sentiment which demands of the present legislature that quail be further protected from hunters.

SOLDIERS MISS THEIR BATH

English "Tomnies" and Their Officers
Alike Pine for the Accustomed
Ablutions.

Few of the discomforts of campaigning press more hardly on the expeditionary force than the simple lack of a bath, in the opinion of London Country Life. At the front it is inevitable, but no less a hardship, especially to the British officer, with whom the daily tub is almost a religion. We ought to remember, however, that in the huge temporary camps at home where the new armies are being trained the same discomfort reigns, because there is no time to create institutes where the comfort of the bath may be enjoyed. In some cases people who live near the camps are putting notices at their gates which invite to the hospitality of their bathrooms officers or men who come armed with soap and towel. This is more than a kindly thought; it is a definite aid to the health and fitness of the troops. Cooks generally keep a warm corner in their hearts for his majesty's forces and will be only too pleased to keep steady fires going, so that the supply of hot water may be ample.

Beehive Bombs.

A French genius has recently offered an idea which he is confident will be more effective against the enemy than bombs dropped by an aviator. "Instead of arming our aviators with bombs, which are seldom effective, we should do better with beehives," says this patriot. "Let each aviator carry one or two hives and launch them on the foe below. At the rate of 30,000 bees to the hive, one may count that about 2,000 will be killed or stunned by the fall; but the other 28,000 launched by a skillful hand on the enemy will cover them in an instant with innumerable stings and put every combatant out of the fight for several days. Then our men would have nothing to do but to end them or capture them." Commenting on this proposal, which evidently is made in all seriousness, a witty Frenchman says: "The inventor does not say what would happen if a misdirected hive should fall in a French trench. If the bees were loyal they would make the salute military and buzz the 'Marseillaise'."

Horse Stands Over His Dead Rider.
J. Stulton, English lance corporal, tells this story:

"One man of the —th lancers I found lying on his back with his eyes staring at the skies. He was dead without doubt. Standing over him was his horse, without a wound. It was looking into his face every few minutes, and then neighing in a pitiful way that sounded just like a human being in an excess of grief. To hear that poor animal was enough to bring tears to the eyes of the most hardened of men."

Here is another incident related by an English soldier:

"Colonel — and I rode over the awful Vailly bridge at the rear of his regiment. The noise of shell fire was so great that we could not hear each other. He stopped, pulled out his revolver, got off, and shot a horse. Then remounted. At other moments four shells at a time struck that bridge. Yet while his act of mercy was being done not one came near it; ten seconds later it was white with shell bursts."

When Tommy Swore.

Here is a minor tragedy of the war, but a very real one, says the London Mirror. Tommy had not tasted tea for days; he was longing for tea with an intensity which only comes upon one in a French village. He had just enough tea and sugar to make one tinful, but no hot water, and no French with which to ask for it. With wild desperation he sought to explain to a woman his need. She took the tin of tea and sugar and disappeared into her cottage. Anon she emerged triumphant, with the tin full of cold water and Tommy's whole stock of tea floating about in it. Then it was that French came to him. He says that he spoke it like a trooper.

Verne Gardner of Saginaw, but formerly of Alma, was a visitor here, Thursday.

Points for Mothers

Adornment and Care of Nursery.
Children delight in change, and this applies to pictures as well as to other things. If an expensive picture is in the room and a contagious disease affects the child it is impractical to destroy the picture, and yet that may be desirable. As the child grows in knowledge the pictures, if not expensive, may be changed to suit the child's need.

Boys like pictures. When a little fellow fills his room with undesirable pictures it is nearly always because others have not been obtainable. They like pictures with life in them, such as the Remington type, and their choice should be followed in this.

Until the child is of such age that it can be trusted alone porters or heavy curtains should be dispensed with. At best they are industrious dust collectors and are more of a menace than a necessity. If they are used they should be of rather light material and so placed that there is no possible danger from fire. Hung near to a gas jet, they are a constant source of danger.

The rooms should be frequently and thoroughly cleaned, and in this procedure the child should be early taught to co-operate. All dusting must be done with a slightly dampened cloth or with a lamb's wool duster, both of which will collect the dust and will not simply scatter it.

Slightly wet salt or sawdust scattered upon the floor before sweeping will prevent to a great extent the raising of dust. One of the various preparations which are made for this purpose and which are very inexpensive will prove effective, and in addition they bring out the colors of the carpet if the floor has such a covering.

Why Children Tell Untruths.

Because a child tells an untruth he is not of necessity a liar. An apparent untruth may be told because the child is timid under examination and, losing control of himself, says what he does not mean. Adults commonly do this in courts. To the child questioning is often as much dreaded as the witness chair is to an adult. Other children tell untruths because they are absent minded. It is common for them to do so, because they do not fully understand the question put to them. These facts seem simple enough, and yet if they are not recognized the child may be falsely accused of lying, and his nervous system will suffer thereby.

Romance weaving is not uncommon among children who are blest with vivid imaginations. The difficulty is that the child has not been taught to make distinctions between the truths of allegory and those of fact. The imagination is valuable, but needs early guidance, so that it will not be the master, but the servant of the child.

The desire to appear prominently before others is a dramatic instinct is often the cause of romance weaving. The best way to treat this latter is to receive the statements of the child without comment and without apparent interest. When he finds that he has not an appreciative audience he will be cured of this habit. In a few instances the fault indicates some impending illness, or it may be due to lack of control, which is marked in nervous children after an acute illness. Parents should show considerable patience to ward children who are apparent liars, and every effort should be made to determine whether there is a physical basis for the moral fault.

When Traveling.

When starting on a trip, no matter how short, the farseeing mother or nurse should remember to take along some of the Japanese flower seeds which, when put into water, spring into blossom. A pair of blunt scissors, an assortment of pictures, a blank book and a tube of glue is another suggestion for an inexpensive remembrance. It is most often not the costly toy or trinket that gives the most enjoyment.

Any child starting off on a trip would appreciate a small leather portfolio to fit into the traveling case and would like to find a fountain pen, a book of postage stamps and several postal cards done up in an attractive package, with a box of bonbons. No matter how inexpensive the gift, one must remember that pretty ribbons, paper and general wrappings will play a large part in the pleasure the gift brings to the little traveler.

No Work Before Breakfast.

No work which is at all exacting or difficult should be undertaken by the child before breakfast, and this rule applies to mental effort as surely as to physical. If the curriculum of the child's school demands study in the early morning it should be prepared for such mental effort by a suitable meal. There can be no objection to a short walk or to some form of light exercise at this time, but the more serious duties of the day must be delayed until after the morning meal.

Bathtub Toys.

If baby is afraid of the water when having his bath buy several pretty colored cork bobbies, such as fishermen use, and throw these in the bathtub. He will be so busy trying to catch them that he will forget to be afraid and, instead, will be highly entertained.

Optimistic Thought.

One becomes better acquainted with a country through having the good luck to lose the way.

English Life Guards.

England's famous Life Guards were organized just after the Restoration. They were recruited from the old cavaliers who fought for Prince Charles Stuart, and in 1661 they were formed into three troops.

Alma School of Methods In Sabbath School Work

Held Here During the Week of July 19 to 25. Best Teachers Secured.

The Alma School of Methods, a summer training school for religious workers, held under the auspices of the Synod of Michigan of the Presbyterian church in cooperation with the State Sunday School Association will be held at the college July 19th to 25th under the direction of Rev. Alfred Ray Atwood, Dean of the School and Educational Superintendent for the Synod of Michigan. The School of Methods was first established last year and enjoyed a splendid week of talks, addresses and personal work. It was a strenuous institute consisting of ten sessions a day, continuing from eight a.m. to nine thirty p.m. but well attended by persons who present good notebooks, pass the tests and attend at least twenty periods.



Alfred Ray Atwood

tended and the interest sustained throughout. Through the kindness of President Blaisdell and the trustees of Alma College, Wright Hall, and Pioneer Hall, were thrown open to the delegates at a very moderate price and board furnished on the cooperative plan. This will be done this year also.

The 1915 Alma School of Methods begins a three-year systematic course in Sabbath school training. This course will be added on to last year's course and those who attended in 1914 will be given a year's credit on this three-year course. Each year however is complete in itself.

The best teachers of America have been secured for the 1915 Faculty, as Dr. R. W. Gammon, of Chicago; Rev. G. H. Trull, of New York City; Mary L. Wilson, of Mayville, Ky.; Ida V. Jantz, of Chicago; Dr. H. L. Feeman, of Westminster, Md.; Sarah B. Goodman, of Grand Rapids.

Anyone may attend the Alma School of Methods. Sabbath Schools, Missionary Societies, Christian Endeavor Societies, Westminster Guilds, etc., are invited to send some of their members as delegates.

International or Denominational Sunday school certificates will be given.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Some to Teach, Some to Attend College, University or Normal.

Of the thirty seven young men and women who graduate from Alma High School this June nine of them are undecided as to their plans for the next year, thirteen have practically decided to attend either Alma College or the University of Michigan. Seven of the graduates will attend Ferris Institute, Mt. Pleasant or Ypsilanti Normals. A solitary one will work on the farm, while several will not enter school but work. Four have decided to teach school next year.

Without a doubt the plans of many of these will be altered before the time for entering school comes around to next fall but the following list covers the graduates plans approximately.

Wesley Muscott	Undecided
Helen Parr	Undecided
Roy Perry	Attend Alma College
Glen Rockwell	Undecided
Floyd Sexton	Attend Ferris Institute
Edna Sias	Attend Mt. Pleasant Nor.
Malcolm Smith	Attend Alma College
Ruth Tallon	Stay at home
Helen Tann	Attend U. of M.
Bertha Waber	Teach school
Clara Waber	Attend Mt. Pleas. Nor.
Mildred Wiley	Teach school
Archie Wood	Attend Alma College
Edward Mahr	Attend Alma College
Clarence Banghart	Attend U. of M.
William Blair	Attend College
Vinnie Boyd	Undecided
William Brewbaker	Attend U. of M.
Ruth Bennett	Attend College
Helen Carey	Undecided
Hazel Carey	Attend Alma College
Doris Casler	Teach school
Carl Dewitt	Work on farm
Nelda Dove	Teach school
William Federspiel	Undecided
Georgiana Gossett	Undecided
Wealtha Graem	Attend Ypsilanti N.
Leo Hill	Work for a year
Helen Judge	Attend Ferris Institute
Ruth Kelly	Attend Ypsilanti Nor.
Elsie Lindner	Attend Alma College

Elaine Losey	Undecided
Crystal Herron	Undecided
Mildred McConkey	Attend Alma Col.
Inez McCoy	Attend Mt. Pleasant N.
Lura Miller	Attend Alma College
Mina Montigel	Stay at home

GOOD POSITIONS SECURED

Many College Seniors Will Teach School During Coming Year.

Of the twenty four seniors who graduated from the Alma College last Thursday, fifteen of them will teach in high schools of the state. Two will attend McCormick seminary and two others will attend Columbia University.

Three will work at various trades and two others are undecided as to their plans for next year. Several are looking forward to taking advance work in some university after having taught for a year or two. The three graduates of the music department will follow their chosen work.

What the College Seniors will Do Next Year:

Margaret B. Allen	Teach in Standish High School.
Paul H. Austin	Teach in St. Louis High School.
Mary Blaisdell	Attend Columbia University.
Maurice Cole	Teach in Allegan H.S.
Sidney Cook	Alma
Glady N. Dershem	Teach in Owosso High School.
Albert J. Esselstyn	Teach in Holland High School
Theodore Gates	Teach business in Ithaca.
Esther Halverson	Teach
Lulu M. Huber	Teach in Elk Rapids High School.
Harry D. Jackson	Undecided.
Milton Jackson	Undecided
Arden Johnson	Teach or Y.M.C.A. work.
Ima E. Johnson	Teach in Clare H.S.
Joseph L. Kennedy	Attend McCormick Seminary.

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Beulah L. Parr—Teach.
Ralph E. Peacock—Commercial Chemistry.
Arthur H. Simenton—Teach in Harbor Springs H.S.
Esther Smith—Teach in Mt. Pleasant High School.
Ethel G. Thompson—Attend Columbia University.
Addison V. Wilson—Attend McCormick Seminary.
Alger H. Wood—Teach in Fenton H.S.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT

Irene Baker—Teach in Gladstone
Jessie Duncanson—Teach in Clare
Helen Eames—At home
Aurora Funnell—Teach
Jane Green—Teach
Floxy Hoover—Teach in White Cloud
Hazel Dulong—Teach
Gladys Kelly—Teach in Lapeer
Mary Mitchell—Teach.
Eloise Muncie—Teach
Vera Parker—Teach
Marie Pegg—Teach in Stevenson
Margaret Robinson—Teach in Owosso.
Frida Volz—At home
Irene Warner—Teach.

Church Notes.

BAPTIST CHURCH

J. W. Priest, Pastor, Residence 802 Gratiot
Sunday morning service—10 a.m.
Sermon: "Jesus and the Children"
Sunday school—11:30 a.m.
B. Y. P. U. meeting—6:30 p.m.
Topic: "Christ's Call to the Young Women of To-day." Leader, Elsa Struble.
Evening service—7:30 p.m.
Children's Day exercises, an illustrated program carried out by the Sunday school, "The Trail Illumined" offering for the American Baptist Publication Society.
Church Prayer meeting, Thursday—7:30 p.m.
All are cordially invited to these services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Communion Service—10:00 a.m., Sermon by Rev. Workman, "A Bible Picture of Heaven"
Bible School—11:15 a.m.
Christian Endeavor—6:30 p.m.
Evening Service—7:30 p.m., Sermon by Pastor, W. P. Murray.
Thursday Mid-week Prayer—7:00 p.m.
A warm and hearty welcome awaits you at these services

METHODIST CHURCH

Special Service—10:00 a.m.
Sermon by Pastor, Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow to young people, members of Epworth League to be present en masse, installation of Epworth League officers.
Sunday School—11:30 a.m.
Epworth League—6:30 p.m.
Prayer Service—7:30 p.m.
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Revenge.
"How is it that you have been to the library so often this week?" inquired the boy's mother. "Three books you have had, and not read one." "I know that," replied the youngster, "but they fined me five cents last week for keeping a book out over time, so I got to make 'em earn it."

Kerosene Found Effective.
Investigations have been carried on to discover remedies for insects which damage such forest products as telegraph poles, railroad ties and tool handles. With hardwood products liable to attack by the so-called powderpost beetles it has been found that kerosene and linseed oil are effective repellents against these insects.